

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-15 are pending in this Application. In the Office Action mailed on the date of November 6, 2006, the Examiner requested the claims be restricted to one of three inventions that include:

- Group I: Claim 2, drawn to a housing cover;
- Group II: Claim 4, drawn to a motor driven pump having an impeller housing connected to a cover with an o-ring therebetween; and
- Group IV: Claims 11, 12, 13 and 15, drawn to a motor driven pump having an electrical grounding circuit.

Restriction/Election

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner requested that the claims be restricted to one invention. Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I—Claim 2, drawn to a motor driven pump having a latch for connecting a motor housing to a housing cover —with traverse for continued prosecution. Claim 4 is provisionally withdrawn from further prosecution. As stated in page 3 of the office action, it is understood that claims 1, 3, 5 to 10 and 14 will be examined as they are linked to elected group I. Any claims cancellation will be made upon the filing of a divisional application.

Traversal is argued on the grounds that a thorough search of the subject matter of elected inventions I and III, would necessarily include invention II. Accordingly, examination of Claim 4 on the merits would impose no additional burden on the Patent Office. *See* MPEP 803.

Conclusion

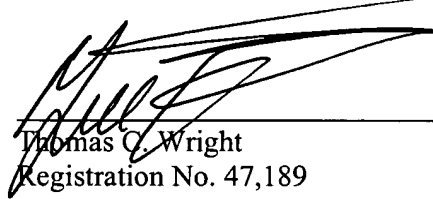
In light of the remarks and arguments presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration for and allowance of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

No fees are believed to be due with this Amendment. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge deficient fees that may be required during the pendency of this application, other than the issue fee, to Deposit Account 07-0153.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments, or if further clarification is required, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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